

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:	)	[AWA-D]
	)	Docket No. <b>14-0164</b>
Deer Forest Exotic Animal Sanctuary, LLC	)	
	)	
Petitioner	)	<b>Dismissal</b>

Appearances:

Ms. Amie Gadberry, Coloma, MI, on behalf of Deer Forest Exotic Animal Sanctuary, LLC;  
and

Ms. Colleen A. Carroll, Esq., with the Office of the General Counsel, United States  
Department of Agriculture, Washington D.C., for the Respondent (APHIS). <sup>1</sup>

1. During the telephone conference that included me on 7 January (Wed) 2015, Deer Forest Exotic Animal Sanctuary, LLC, WITHDREW its request for hearing in the Animal Welfare Act license denial matter.

2. Consequently, this case is **dismissed**. APHIS's denial of the application for a USDA Animal Welfare Act license is AFFIRMED. Deer Forest Exotic Animal Sanctuary, LLC, and Ms. Amie Gadberry, Coloma, MI, are disqualified from being granted a USDA Animal Welfare Act license for a period of one year beginning today, January 7, 2015.

3. **Beginning January 8, 2016**, Deer Forest Exotic Animal Sanctuary, LLC, and Ms. Amie Gadberry, Coloma, MI, may apply for an Animal Welfare Act license.

Copies of this notice of Dismissal shall be sent by the Hearing Clerk to each of the parties (by ordinary mail or by email).

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1. The Complainant is the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture ("APHIS" or "Complainant").

Done at Washington, D.C.  
this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 2015

s/ Jill S. Clifton

Jill S. Clifton  
Administrative Law Judge

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